

The Benefits of Regional Cooperation: An Exchange Learning Program between CAREC and the GMS

Hue, Viet Nam: 6–10 August 2007





Program

Sunday, 5 August 2007

- 19:00 - Welcome Cocktails in Panorama Bar, Hotel Saigon Morin
 21:00 Welcome Address, Mr. Omkar Shrestha, Principal Country Specialist (Viet Nam), ADB

Monday, 6 August 2007

Time	Session/Topic	Session Highlights	Facilitator/Resource Person
09:00 - 09:15	Opening Remarks	Opening ceremony and remarks	Omkar Shrestha Principal Country Specialist (Viet Nam), ADB
	Program Overview	Overview of the sessions and program	Natasha Davis Regional Cooperation Specialist, Central and West Asia Department (CWRD), ADB
09:15 - 10:30	Opening Lecture/Presentation/Discussion: Regional Cooperation and the GMS	GMS at the beginning: key features, benefits, learnings, and key stages of development.	Noritada Morita Chairman and CEO Asia Strategy Forum
10:30 - 11:00	Open Forum		Moderator: Morita
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Tea Break / Photo</i>		
11:30 - 12:30	Case Study: Sustaining the GMS	Regional and national perspectives on a countries continued involvement due to the benefits received.	Hoang Viet Khang Deputy DG of Ministry of Planning and Investment, Viet Nam
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break: Morin Restaurant</i>		

14:00 - 15:15	Lecture/Presentation/ Discussion: Transport Corridors, Trade and Transit Agreements: Concept, Practice, and the GMS Experience 	Discussion of transport corridors, trade and transit agreements its evolution, vision for GMS, stakeholder inclusion.	Ronald Butiong Economist (Regional Cooperation), Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division, Southeast Asia Department (SERD)
15:15 - 15:30	<i>Tea Break</i>		
15:30 - 16:30	Case Study: The Cross Border Transport Agreement (CBTA), the TIR Convention and the East- West Corridor (EWEC) 	The GMS Cross Border Transport Agreement and East West Corridor: A Case Study	Math Sounmala Director General, Ministry of Communications, Transport, Post and Construction, Lao People's Democratic Republic
16:30 - 17:30	Case Study: Regional cooperation: Who benefits? What has been the impact of connectivity? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Savannakhet, Lao PDR  ▪ Quang Tri, Vietnam  	Discussion on the EWEC and impact on border towns.	Rattanatay Luanglatbandith Senior Economics Officer, ADB Lao Resident Mission Teresita del Rosario Capacity Development Expert, CAREC
17:30 - 18:00	Open Forum		Moderator: Morita
19:00	<i>Dinner : Garden Restaurant</i>		

Tuesday, 7 August 2007

Time	Session/Topic	Session Highlights	Facilitator/Resource Person
09:00 - 09:15	Synthesis and Review of Previous Day's Learnings	Review Regional Cooperation lessons from GMS, including case studies. Emphasize linkages with CAREC	Teresita del Rosario Capacity Development Expert, CAREC
09:15 - 10:15	Lecture/Presentation: Trade Facilitation Measures in the GMS 	Discussion on trade facilitation measures to promote stronger regional cooperation. Harmonization of country procedures (visas, quarantine, product standardization, etc.)	Florian Alburo Professor, University of the Philippines

10:15 - 10:30	<i>Tea Break</i>		
10:30 - 11:30	Case Study: Single Stop Inspection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lao Bao– Dansavanh ▪ Malaysia–Thailand PACOM 	Discussion on status of current efforts to promote trade facilitation in the GMS. Focus on measures taken by other countries to promote trade facilitation.	Ronald Butiong ADB-SERD, Economist (Regional Cooperation), Country Coordination and Regional Cooperation Division, SERD Florian Albuero University of the Philippines
11:30 - 12:30	Open Forum		Moderator: Teresita del Rosario
12:30 - 14:00	<i>Lunch Break: Morin Restaurant</i>		
14:00 - 15:30	Roundtable Discussion/Exchange: Individual Presentations by CAREC participants	Exchange of experiences among CAREC participants	CAREC Participants Moderator: David Kruger Senior Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB
15:30 - 16:00	<i>Tea Break</i>		
16:00 - 16:45	Individual Presentations (continued)		CAREC Participants
16:45 - 17:15	Synthesis/Discussion: The GMS as a regional cooperation example for CAREC	Focus on comparative and contrasting experiences among CAREC and GMS countries on trade, investment, transport and infrastructure. Discussion on points of convergence; lessons learned; continuing challenges for GMS	Florian Albuero University of the Philippines
17:15 - 17:30	Briefing on Logistical Arrangements for Site Visit to Tien Sa Port		Natasha Davis Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB

Wednesday, 8 August 2007

Time	Session/Topic	Session Highlights	Facilitator / Resource Person
07:30 - 12:00	Leave and Travel for Danang City Proceed to Tien Sa Port	Briefing on the role of Tien Sa Port in the mobility of goods and products to and from Viet Nam and the region. Also the growing prospects of sea-based tourism through port facilities.	Moderator: Teresita del Rosario Capacity Development Expert, CAREC
	10:00 - 11:30 Field Visit and Discussion: Danang Port Authority and the role of the Tien Sa Port		
	11:30 - 12:30 Ocular visit to industrial zones (Danang Seafood Industrial Services) beside the port after the briefing		
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>		
13:30 - 16:30	13:30 - 15:00 Field Visit and Discussion: Investment Promotion Center (IPC) and Danang Industrial and Export Processing Zones Authority (DIEPZA)	Project Brief Briefing with head of IPC to discuss the one-stop mechanism for investors and state agencies and to discuss the development strategy of Danang towards 2010. Focus on the role of Danang as a regional city for trade and investment	
	15:00 - 15:30 <i>Tea/Coffee Break in IPC Office</i>		
	15:30 - 16:30 Ocular visit to the Hoa Khanh Industrial Zone	Discussion on the comparative advantages of Danang in the East West Economic Corridor Briefing with the DIEPZA to discuss the functions and duties of DIEPZA. Discussion on the industrial zones and the investment environment in Danang.	
16:30 - 16:45	Briefing on Logistical Arrangements for Site Visit to East - West Corridor		Natasha Davis Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB

Thursday, 9 August 2007

Time	Session/Topic	Session Highlights	Facilitator/Resource Person
07:30 - 12:00	Site Visit: Leave for Lao Bao/ Dansavanh border	Travel on East West Corridor, pass through Quang Tri province (border town along EWEC)	Teresita del Rosario Capacity Development Expert, CAREC
12:00 - 13:30	<i>Lunch Break</i>	<i>Observe border economic activity; tour duty free zone</i>	
13:30 - 14:30	Border (Vietnam)	Briefing with Vietnam and LAO PDR border officials on the progress of SSI. Discussion on evolution of project, current practices, benefits and challenges to both countries	Vietnamese Officials Bounsom Somsihakhom Deputy Director General, Transport Department, Ministry of Transport and Public Works, Lao, PDR
14:45 - 15:45	Cross Dansavanh Border (Lao PDR)		Moderator: Natasha Davis Regional Cooperation Specialist, CWRD, ADB
16:00 - 20:00	Return to Hue		

Friday, 10 August 2007

Time	Session/Topic	Session Highlights	Facilitator/Resource Person
08:30 - 10:30	Synthesis and Wrap Up/Dialogue with ADB: The Drivers of Regional Cooperation: Trade, Transport	Comparative regional cooperation lessons: the GMS and CAREC. What have we learned? What do we take- away from this week? What are concrete proposals that ADB can respond to in the short- term, medium-term, long- term?	CAREC Participants Natasha Davis Moderator
10:15 - 10:30	<i>Tea Break</i>		
10:30 - 11:00	Closing Remarks		David Kruger Senior Regional

Cooperation Specialist,
CWRD, ADB

12:30 - *Lunch : Morin Restaurant*
14:00

14:00 - Departure
15:30